

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2234

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FOR DEP ASST SEC ARMITAGE, EUR, FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, TPHY, BU (MARINOV, STEFAN MARINOV)  
SUBJECT: BULGARIAN CLAIMING TO BE DISSIDENT WHO WAS TURNED OVER  
TO PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC BY THIS EMBASSY

REF: A) SOFIA 0018; B) STATE 07563

1. I THINK I SHOULD TELL YOU IN CONFIDENCE THAT THE RECOLLEC-  
TION OF TWO OF OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES DOES NOT TALLY WITH THE VER-  
SION OF EVENTS REPORTED IN REF B, IN WHICH OUR FORMER P & C  
OFFICER RECALLS THAT NO BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES WERE CALLED BY  
THE EMBASSY AND MARINOV WAS REMOVED "AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE"  
BY OUR MARINES. IT SEEMS THAT MARINOV WAS INDEED BEATEN UP  
BY BULGARIAN PERSONNEL WHOM EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE, ON SNOW'S  
INSTRUCTION, HAD SUMMONED; AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, OUR  
MARINES LENT ASSISTANCE IN THE FORCIBLE EJECTION AND POSSIBLY  
ALSO STRUCK MARINOV.

2. IT IS AMAZING THAT THIS CASE WAS NEITHER RECORDED NOR, AS  
FAR AS I CAN RECALL, EVEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION. IT IS  
SUPPOSED TO HAVE HAPPENED ON THE DAY WHEN I PRESENTED  
CREDENTIALS HERE. EVEN MORE AMAZING THAT HELENE BATJER  
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WOULD RECALL NOTHING ABOUT IT. THIS SUGGESTS THAT SNOW  
ACTED ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE. MARINOV MAY BE A NUT, BUT  
IT ISN'T AT ALL CLEAR WHY WE HAD TO TURN HIM OVER TO BUL-  
GARIAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL WHEN HE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN  
THEIR CUSTODY FOR POLITICAL REASONS. THERE IS IN FACT  
SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN TREATED  
LIKE A HARMLESS NUT BY THE GOB IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR CERTAIN

POLITICAL STANDS HE HAD TAKEN. I ALSO NOTE THAT, ACCORD-  
INTO TO INFORMATION TRANSMITTED IN ANOTHER CHANNEL, MARINOV  
HAD HAD AT LEAST INTERMITTENT CONTACT WITH P&C OFFICERS  
HERE OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS, INCLUDING SNOW, AND THUS HAD SOME  
REASON TO EXPECT HE WOULD RECEIVE A FRIENDLY HEARING AT THE EM-  
BASSY.

3. BECAUSE OF THE INTRINSIC UNCERTAINTIES AND POSSIBLE  
MERITS OF THE CASE, AND ALSO BECAUSE I CAN SEE POTENTIAL  
FOR SENSATION-MONGERING IF HIS VERSION OF EVENTS GETS INTO  
THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS, I AM DISPOSED TO HAVE OUR CONSUL  
TELL MARINOV WHEN HE NEXT COMES THAT HE IS ENTITLED TO  
FILE A CLAIM UNDER THE FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT (PURSUANT  
TO 28 FAM 281) AND TO HAVE RELEVANT DETAILS GIVEN TO HIM.  
AT THE SAME TIME OUR CONSUL WOULD TELL HIM THAT CHANCES OF  
HIS GETTING COMPENSATION ARE VERY SMALL BECAUSE OF (A)  
STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS; (B) CONFLICTING VERSION GIVEN  
BY SNOW; AND (C) DOUBTFUL OUTCOME OF A MEDICAL EXAMINA-  
TION TO WHICH HE MIGHT HAVE TO SUBMIT.

4. IF YOU THINK THERE IS A BETTER WAY OF HANDLING THIS,  
PLEASE LET ME KNOW.  
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